

REMARKS

Claims 2 - 8, 31 - 36, 38 - 44, 46, 47, 50, and 55- 62 are pending. Claims 51 - 54 have been cancelled. Claims 56 - 62 have been added. Claims 2 - 4, 6 - 8, 31 - 36, 38 - 43, and 55 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action dated September 1, 2005, the Examiner stated that independent claims 44, 46, 47, and 50 were allowed over the prior art of record. The applicants have amended claims 2 - 8, and 55 to depend, indirectly or directly, from allowed claim 44. The applicants have amended claims 31 - 36 to depend from allowed claim 46. The applicants have amended claims 38 - 43 to depend from allowed claim 47. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 - 8, 31 - 36, 38 - 44, 46, 47, 50, and 55 are in condition for allowance.

In addition, the applicants have drafted new independent claim 56 as a method claim that follows the language of allowed system claim 50. Claims 57 - 62 depend, indirectly or directly on claim 56. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 56 - 62 are in condition for allowance.

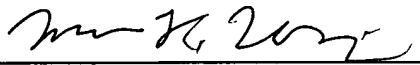
The Examiner rejected independent claims 51, 52, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0032336 to Kaufman et al. ("the Kaufman reference"). The applicants have cancelled claims 51, 52, 53, and 54.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and a favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

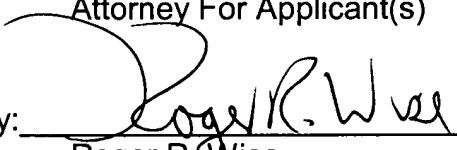
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